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NMED Seeking Input on Water Quality Standards

Revisions being considered:

- *Restructuring, rewording, and technical corrections for a more reader-friendly document.*
- *Incorporating new US EPA guidance into the document.*
- *Reclassifying various designated uses.*
- *Updating criteria to better protect agriculture, wildlife, and other uses.*

To view and download Water Quality Standards proposed revisions, log onto: <http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/swqb/>.

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED), Surface Water Quality Bureau (SWQB) invites the public to continue to comment on draft revisions to 20.6.4 NMAC – Standards for Interstate and Intrastate Surface Waters. States are required by the federal Clean Water Act to review water quality standards at least once every three years. Following this initial public participation process the State will hold a public hearing to review applicable standards and, as appropriate, to modify and adopt standards.

The public comment period on these draft revisions began February 21, 2003 at 8:00 a.m. MST and **will now end on May 7, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. MDT** (originally scheduled to end April 7, 2003). Formal comments for inclusion in the public record must be submitted in writing to the SWQB to the address above, attention John Montgomery (if possible, please submit an electronic copy as well; the SWQB will provide a confirmation of receipt for electronic mail submissions).

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